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EXCURSION TO EAST GOSFORD & BRISBANE WATER.

BY THE FAVOURITE STEAMERS.

WILLIAM THE FOURTH.

From 8th August, 1842, to the 1st March, 1843.

TO afford opportunity to persons wishing to visit this interesting resort and district, we have arranged Excursion Tickets for the trip to Brisbane Water and back, at the following rates, viz.—

For a Cabin Passage from Sydney to Brisbane Water and back... 10/- 0/- Steerage ditto ditto... 10/- 0/-

The tickets issued only in Sydney. The steamer will call in the towns, offering as much accommodation and comfort as the inns in Sydney.

Invalids, and persons inclined for a pleasure trip, would do well to avail themselves of this opportunity.

N.B. Tickets not transferable, and in force for one month from the day of issue. 1884

"SEAHORSE" STEAM SHIP.

Steam Communication between Sydney Van Diemen's Land, and Port Phillip.

THE FIVE STEAM SHIP

will leave Sydney for Port Phillip, on Saturday the 17th September, and returns from Williams Town (Port Phillip), on Saturday the 24th, calling at George Town both going and returning. Further information to be obtained at 61, George-street.

BOYD AND CO., Unwin's Buildings, Custom-house.

FOR WOLLONGONG.

THE fine fast sailing schooner

BANDY LEGACY,

having sufficient accommodations for passengers, laid on as a regular trader, will leave on Tuesday, 8th instant.

Freights to Wollongong from Sydney, reduced to 10/- per ton, apply on

WILLIAM BANTON, Master,

Courting Packet Wharf, Sussex-street,

Hon. Sec.

W. B. RODENHAM.

Wentworth-place, Monday, August 15. 1816

EXHIBITION UPON LONDON.

THE Royal Bank of Australia hereby give

notice that they will dispose of Bankers' Bills, accepted in London, in sum varying

from £50 to £500.

D. M. LAURIE, Manager.

Royal Bank of Australia, 12th August.

Office hours from twelve to two.

2061 FOR MURRAY TOWN.

THE fine fast sailing first class Schooner

WATERFALL,

Master, will leave Davies's Wharf on THURSDAY evening next, for freight or passage apply at the Office on

Davies's Wharf, Sussex-street.

August 12. 1861

FOR MELBOURNE, Port Phillip.

THE fine fast sailing schooner

THOMAS LOWD,

Brown, master, now taking in

freight at Campbell's Wharf.

For freight or

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or

DONALDSON, DAWES, & CO.

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arrived at Melbourne, for

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.**ARRIVAL.**

From Kapiti, New Zealand, having left the 1st instant, the barque *Regia*, 180 tons, Captain Kyle, with oil, &c. Passengers—the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who died at Wilkawhite, one of the whaling stations.

* A ship to the southward last evening at sunset.

DEPARTURES.

For Port Nicholson yesterday, the schooner *Mannah*, Captain Bell, with sundries. Passenger—Mr. C. Richmond.

For the South Sea Fishery, the same day, the barque *Proteus*, Captain Christell, with whaling gear, &c.

COASTERS INWARDS.

August 15.—*William Fourth*, steamer, 56, Sullivan, from East Gosford, with 30,000 shingles, 2,000 feet of timber, 400 bags flour; *Rose*, 100 tons, from Maitland, with 35 bags wool, 10 hides, 700 bushels maize, 27 bags colonial tobacco; *Waterwitch*, 27, Evans, from Broome, with 700 bushels wheat, 27 sacks flour, 11 tons potatoes; *Friendship*, 15, Laverick, from Port Aiken, with lime.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.

August 15.—*Challenger*, 31, Abbott, for Port Macquarie, in ballast; *Star*, 12, Thompson, for Ulladulla, with sundries; *Brothers*, 12, Singleton, for Sydney, with sundries; *172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 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PARLIAMENTARY DIGEST

HOUSE OF LORDS.

Tuesday, Feb. 15.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.
The royal assent was given to the usual form to the Appropriation Act Amendment Bill. The commissioners were, the lord chancellor, the lord president (Wharncliffe), and the Earl of Shaftesbury.

The Earl of Radnor moved for copies of the correspondence between the government and the distressed workmen of Spitalfields and Paisley, and also for the copy of a letter from the lords of the treasury, signed "George Clark," stating that their lordships had sanctioned the decision of the board of trade, that preserved turtle should be admitted at the same rate of duty as live turtle, which, if he was correctly informed, was no duty at all.

The Earl of Ripon asserted that live turtle paid a duty.

The Earl of Radnor repeated the fact that turtle paid no duty, and adverted to a refusal to permit certain quantities of foreign corn under bond to be liberated duty free, for the benefit of the starving men of Paisley. He must own he should have preferred to see the discretion of government exercised in granting the prayer of that memorial, than in acceding to those which related to preserved turtle.

The Earl of Ripon said, he should offer no objection to the production of the very curious correspondence to which the noble earl had referred. He had, if he recollect rightly, seen somewhere mention made of the subject on which the noble earl had been so facetious.

The Earl of Radnor: I did not see it. The Earl of Ripon: Then all I can say is that great wits jump. When I read it I thought that I should hear of the subject again before the session was over. The papers were ordered, and the house adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Tuesday, February 15.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.
Captain Wemyss, Captain Duncombe, and Lord Joscelyn, took the oaths and their seats.

Petitions were presented in favour of total repeal of the corn laws.

Colonel Fox begged to ask if the right hon. baronet had received any intimation of the movements of Cabrera, and, connected therewith, of a projected insurrection in Spain? Sir R. Peel said he had received intelligence to that effect, but he had received nothing in the shape of an official communication upon the subject. He expressed an earnest hope that the government of Spain, resting as it did on the good wishes of the bulk of the Spanish people, would resist any machinations directed against it.

The Lord Advocate entered into an explanation with respect to his contradiction of the statements of Mr. Fox Maule, respecting the late lord president of the Court of Session. The learned lord wrote down immediately to Scotland to the Lord Justice Clerk, who, upon consulting with the solicitor-general, wrote to confirm the statement of the lord advocate. Sir James Graham had refused to give the papers asked for by Mr. Fox Maule, without "in the least consulting" the lord advocate.

CORN LAWS.
The adjourned debate on the Corn Laws was then resumed. The speakers were Captain Hamilton, Mr. Chilvers, Captain Rous, Mr. Ormsby Gore, Sir E. Knatchbull, and Sir James Graham in favour of the proposed alteration, and Sir William Clay, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Labouchere against it. Debate adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Wednesday, February 16.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.
A number of petitions were presented in favour of a total repeal of the corn laws.

Sir James Graham, in reply to Mr. Evans, with respect to the Local Courts Bill, stated the intentions of government to introduce a measure to facilitate the recovery of small debts.

Mr. Thesiger called the attention of the house to the circumstances attending the petition against the return for the last Belfast election. The Earl of Belfast, who was one of the defeated candidates on that occasion, had petitioned against the return. He had since then, however, been raised to the peerage as Lord Ernsham, and it was, therefore, contrary to the privilege of the house that a peer should persevere in an election petition.

As there had not been a sufficient time afforded for the consideration of the question, its further consideration was postponed until Friday.

CORN LAWS.

The speakers in the adjourned debate were Mr. Bell, Mr. Bernal, and Mr. Roebuck, in favour of the amendment, and Sir W. James, the hon. Mr. Scott, Mr. Hastic, Mr. Christies, Lord Sandys, and Lord Worsley, supported the government.

The Debate on the amendment was concluded by Sir R. Peel and Lord Palmerston, of whose speeches we give an abstract.

Sir Robert Peel, recollecting how Lord John Russell had been won, in government, to call on the opposition for a precise statement of their own plans, had exacted some such specific declaration from Lord John Russell; but the noble lord now moved out an abstract resolution, under which, however, the project of a fixed duty lurked, and it was difficult to understand how that resolution could be supported by the enemies of all duty. Lord John should have acted on his old precedent of 1833, and moved that no settlement could be satisfactory which did not involve a fixed duty, but probably there could be no removal of the "comptant alliance" upon that. He agreed that the object should be the welfare of the whole people, and he had adopted his present measure, because he thought it better for the whole people's welfare than a fixed duty. Lord John himself seemed to be quitting the field for the sliding duty, but made his slide all at once, and so dropped 8s. in the duty on a rise of 2s. in the price. He was an inducement to the speculator to hold back corn for a rise! Sir R. Peel then pointed out some of the discrepancies of his opponents; for instance, Mr. Labouchere had said the new mode of taking the averages would raise prices by no less than 5s. Lord Worsley contended that it would not raise them at all. Between opinions in opposite extremes, he hoped, and believed he had chosen a just medium, which moderate men of all classes would be willing to adopt. He (Sir Robert Peel) was not desirous of winning a little popularity by enunciating showy principles, at the expense of neglecting practical improvements. How many thousands of families were there, whose very existence depended on a cautious procedure, in reference to a law so long established, and involving investments so extensive! To rouse a sense of injustice among these great multitudes

would be to excite the worst prejudice against your own principles of free trade. The true object was to exchange a system of prohibition for a system of protection. Every duty, however, would, under some circumstances, be a prohibition. American corn, the noble lord had said, would cost 47s.; therefore when prices in England were at 50s., even a fixed duty of 8s. would be a prohibition upon American corn. Sir R. Peel then entered a detailed analysis of the operation of his scale at various points. He admitted that the country could not be made absolutely independent of foreign grain, but he would have her importation supplemental only, and not substantial and primary. For, if importation took place to such an extent as to supersede home-grown corn, the day might come when, from deficient harvests or other causes, they might have bitter experience of the imprudence of discouraging agriculture at home. He compared his own scale with those which had preceded it, and showed in detail its advantage over them all. Yet some of his opponents said, give up your alteration, and let the old law stand. He would not consent to leave them that grievance. Lord John said, fix an 8s. duty, but the noble lord's own allies would not suffer such a duty to be permanent; and Lord John himself, citing Lord Bacon, had affirmed the inexpediency of any change except such as would carry a settlement. Perhaps in a mere party sense it might have been better to let the law alone. But ministers had other and higher views. They had not conferred beforehand with their supporters. They expected some disaffection in some quarters, but they looked to find their ultimate reward in the approbation of moderate men, and the benefit of all classes of the country.

Lord Palmerston, at the close of the last session of parliament, had expressed his apprehension that the present change of the government would fail in giving satisfaction, and the result justified his apprehensions. Sir Robert Peel had himself admitted this; and the silence with which the first statement of it had been received by the supporters of the government, was its condemnation—"dum silent, clamant!"—Ministers had not taken the course of gratifying either party. A more liberal measure might not have received support from one quarter, but it would have been ultimately better for the government as well as the country. Still he was aware that the measure would be carried; silence gives consent. He was favourable to a fixed duty; not, however, for the sake of protection to agriculture, for he objected to all protection. The consumer was not called on to insure other producers against the contingencies of their calling. His view of a duty was, that it should be raised for revenue alone. Sir R. Peel had stated no reasons for making such a change as this, unless it were that agriculture had actually more protection than it could make use of. The fixed duty would have been better for the interests of our exports, better for the regularity of the supply, better for the employment of British shipping. But a sliding scale, modify it as you will, would neither benefit consumers nor the revenue; while, under a fixed duty, the trade in corn would become a steady and expansive trade. It was called to talk about independence of foreigners in a country where some millions of people exist but by foreign commerce. Ireland had been a corn-exporting country, and yet her poor had starved because they had not the means of purchasing the very corn they raised. Why was the earth divided into zones, each having productions peculiar to itself, while the wants of almost all nations were the same? It was in order that man should be dependent on man—that commerce might make him happier, wiser, and better. Then came the presumptuous folly of the dealers in protection attempting to substitute the puny shames of their own legislation for the great and beneficial laws of nature. Whatever the issue of this debate, the hon. baronet would consider this point between the present time and the time for bringing in his bill.

Sir R. Peel said he would give his consideration to the subject. After a few more words the subject dropped.

CORN LAWS.

The speaker then left the chair and the House went into committee on the Corn Law Bill. The speakers on the side of the Government were Lord Mahon, Mr. Heathcote, and Mr. Mainwaring, the opposition speakers were Mr. Villiers, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Blythstone, Mr. Leader, and Sir C. Napier. The debate was adjourned.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

Friday, February 18.

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Lord Campbell gave notice, that on Saturday week he would lay upon the table of the house certain bills for the improvement of justice in this house, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and the Courts of Chancery.

The house then adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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Lord Campbell gave notice, for February 24, of a bill for legalising marriages solemnised by Presbyterian ministers in Ireland; and, for the same day, of a bill to amend the 1st and 2d of Wm. IV.

In answer to Mr. C. Buller, Lord Peel said, it was true that a man had been sentenced to the punishment of death, at a quarter sessions court in Ireland, for killing a goat, as it was found that an old statute, unrepealed, awarded that punishment to that offence: he was however, suffered some weeks' imprisonment, it was the object of our jealousy. It has been and is our desire certainly to give strength and stability, by our counsel and influence, to the present government of Spain, because we see under that government repeated indications of an advance towards civilization and prosperity, and we certainly have exercised such influence as we could command, for the purpose of inducing the governments of continental Europe to recognize the government of Spain. It is, of course, impossible for me to state at what period the desired recognition may take place.

A discussion then ensued on the application of members for leave of absence, in which the peculiar position of such members as are practising barristers was advertized to. The disposition of the house seemed to be to afford every possible facility and encouragement to individual barristers to become members of parliament.

In reply to a question from Sir E. Bulwer, Sir R. Peel stated his perfect readiness to proceed with his own corn-plan, and hoped the house would see the necessity of giving strength and stability, to that plan, which he had prepared for the interests of the Subscription Room, because he will be bound to pay the greatest attention to the welfare of the members of the Subscription Room in all the departments of the law, as well as of the taverns and hotel, and as far as the taverns and hotel, and he trusts, with numerous improvements, now in progress of fulfilment, with regard to the quantity, quality, and priority of information from every quarter of the world. 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